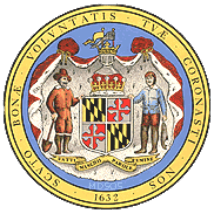


Justice Reinvestment Local Government Commission



Subject: November 2019 Meeting Minutes

Date: November 20, 2019
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Board members:

In person or by phone: Corey Pack (Chair), Lt. Dan Lasher, Maj. Ross Passman, Ganesha Martin, Gail Watts, Capt. Matthew Carr, Joseph Hughes, Lt. Wayne Rumsey, Jack Kavanagh, Herber Dennis, Angela Talley

The Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention: Daniel Atzmon

- **Meeting called to order at 1:05 p.m.**
- **Introductions**

New members of the Local Government Commission were introduced.

- **Review of Minutes**

Minutes from the August 2019 meeting reviewed and approved without objection

- **Mental Health Association Updates**

Irnande Altema from the Mental Health Association of Maryland (MHAMD) introduced herself and the agency which has coordinated the Behavioral Health and Criminal Justice Partnership since 2005 with a broad group of stakeholders. Irnande shared two handouts with recommendations for funding for the Performance Incentive Grant Fund (PIGF). Joining Irnande were several MHAMD members to discuss specific recommendations.

Adrienne Bridenstien from Behavioral Health System Baltimore discussed diversion programs as a wise use of JRA reinvestment funding and highlighted Baltimore City's Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program as well as its Crisis Response Team (CRT) program that pairs clinicians with officers to respond to crisis calls.

Katie Alston from Marian House discussed the challenges facing female returning citizens and the lack of services for women. Marian House serves the population and has seen the need first hand. Katie also discussed recommendations for the PIGF process including longer grant terms, planning periods, and more flexibility which is often needed for new projects.

Joanna Diamond from Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) discussed housing as a key service vital to returning citizens and those at risk of justice system interaction. HCH has its own housing program that practices the housing first model. Housing first is the most effective evidence based practice for reducing homelessness and includes wrap around supports through permanent supportive housing to those in need of extra care.

As there was a lot of interest in housing, Daniel discussed including this as an agenda item for a subsequent meeting.

Teresa, a Marian House resident, shared her story of recovery and discussed the assistance she has received from Marian House. She discussed the unique barriers to employment she faced due to her incarceration for a violent crime.

Several commission members asked questions about Marian House's program: there is no waitlist, just a process to match clients with the correct services and the program normally lasts two years, but they work with clients until they find stability and employment.

There was additional discussion about programming inside correctional facilities. Teresa noted that she did not feel prepared when she was released. There were insufficient life skills to help her acclimate to the world she has missed. Members and presenters engaged in additional discussion about the lack of women's pre-release centers in Maryland. A DPSCS presentation on these services was suggested.

- **Performance Incentive Grant Fund Updates**

GOCCP discussed the PIGF grant process thus far and noted that GOCCP has received 3 state agency applications and 23 local jurisdiction applications. GOCCP expects review to be completed and notifications of award sent out in December. Awards are scheduled to begin in January.

- **Federal COAP Grant**

GOCCP shared news that that office was awarded a large \$6.5 million federal grant to expand police-led and detenbased diversion and referrals to services across 9 sites in Maryland: Baltimore City, Washington, Westminster, Cumberland, St. Mary's, Howard, Wicomico, Annapolis, Belair. 5 sites include Office of the Public Defender local detention screening and referral: Baltimore City, Carroll/Westminster, Howard, Washington, Harford/Belair.

The grant term is 36 months with 9 months of planning beginning in January 2020. GOCCP will advise the local board of program progress.

- **JRA data & performance measures**

Daniel shared data that was presented at the Oversight Board meeting showing continued declines in the jail and prison population

Additional data and analysis is expected in 2020 and will be shared with the board.

- **Advisory Board Update**

GOCCP invited Local Commission members to participate in on going discussion by the Advisory Board regarding expungements.

- **Oversight Board Update**

GOCCP discussed the last Oversight Board meeting and changes to Geriatric Parole approved by the Board.

- **GOCCP Grants Team Presentation**

The GOCCP grant team shared updates and information to assist local jurisdictions as they pursue funding opportunities through the office.

- **Local Detention Projects Updates**

Sadie Smith from the Mosaic Group discussed their SBIRT in Detention Centers project. The SBIRT (Screening Brief Intervention Referral to Treatment) project began two years ago and continues in detention centers across the state. Inmates are screened at multiple points and appropriate interventions provided to address substance use disorders.

Jim Hedrick from GOCCP shared updates on HB116 implementation. The bill requires Montgomery, Prince George's, Howard, and St. Mary's Counties to begin offering all three types of medication assisted treatment in their detention centers by 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.